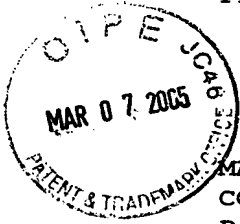


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March 4, 2005

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. X Consider the unnumbered amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 4, 2005.
2. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
3. X Enclosed is/are
- Amendment (including Exhibit A)/Reply.
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
- PTO-1449
- Copies of IDS Citations
- X Other (identify):
 Petition For A One-Month Extension Of Time, including
 a check for the \$60.00 small entity fee for a one-
 month extension of time.
4. X Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 is claimed.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status is enclosed.
- X A verified statement to establish small entity status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.
5. X A check in the amount of \$395.00 is enclosed.

6. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

 Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17).

 X Other fees (identify): any other required fees.

7. X Three copies of this transmittal are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


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